

The O.D. Wireless Set.Document prepared by S.O.E.S.O.F.

Considerable reason for distrusting the messages rec'd from this set. 2 sets of messages particularly dubious:

- (a) De Wilde
- (b) Doulin & Drake.

13th May the O.D. set reported that De Wilde was a hailer. However S.O.E. later satisfied that they did not refer to Bill's emissary.

Inf^y on De Wilde came from Berne & Stockholm courier sources. De W had penetrated the Ross Vorwar Circle: etc., etc.: The O.D. warnings therefore appear to have been well founded.

S.I.S.

Because warnings about De Wilde were given the O.D. set would not that be a reason for thinking that it was free?

S.O.E.

Yes - possibly - but all traffic was exceedingly carefully & cleverly managed.

On 23rd June the O.D. set reported that agents had been captured & that code word was known. This was incorrect and aroused suspicion.

In March 1943 Zwaantje started to send wireless messages direct to S.I.S. through a set which had reached Holland from S.I.S. via Stockholm. On 30th July 1942 Major Soren said that he had heard from Stockholm that Zwaantje had been arrested & full details of the route to Stockholm disclosed to the Germans.

S.I.S. After Zwaantje's arrest O.D. messages were sent by a new agent & operator sent by S.I.S.

S.O.E. were not informed by S.I.S. that Zwaantje had been arrested & moreover the set continued to function.

Reasons for distrusting the O.D. set were:-

- (a) Distinct O.D.
- (b) Continued signals after arrest of Zwaantje.
- (c) Similar inf^y as from Berne & Stockholm.

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S.I.S. Although O.D. was penetrated at its higher levels this took place too long ago to affect current issues.

S.O.E. This was first reported by S.O.E. liaison agent in 1942. In May 1943 the adverse report was completed.

No one should have placed anything in O.D.

In middle of 1943 Capt. Seymour alleged that O.D. was penetrated but S.O.E. was not given info upon which it could judge the reliability of O.D. In any case at the present O.D. should be regarded with the greatest suspicion

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On October 6th 1943 Section V wrote to S.O.E. to say:

- (a) C.A.B. not penetrated by the enemy.
- (b) No trace of enemy penetration.
- (c) Interrogation of Dutch collaborators shows no major penetration.

S.O.E. paper on the O.D. set.

To:

From: Major Warden

Full statement of reasons for mistrusting the O.D. set. Van der Waals (de Wilde)

To: Ch. Lenter

From: F/O. Miller

30th July 1943 Major Lenter told Bingham that Dr. Zwaenepoel had been captured.

No such info given by S.I.S. to S.O.E.

Thus Section V's report of October 6th would have been highly misleading if S.I.S. had in fact had this info.

From: Ch. Lenter

To: C.D.

Ch. Lenter agrees with the conclusion drawn by F/O. Miller:

- (a) The disaster was initially caused by the capture of Agents.
- (b) No justification for assuming a leakage from SOE or Dutch HQ: losses were fully explainable by events which took place in the field.

They were S.O.E. conducting traffic with the enemy for a year without realizing

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